



11/12/04

EXPRESS MAIL NO. EV336592440US

JFW

PATENT

DAC

#

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Antonius Henricus Elisabeth Breuls et al.
Application No. : 10/767,103
Filed : January 28, 2004
For : METHOD OF MANUFACTURING AN OPTICAL FIBER, A
PREFORM ROD AND A JACKET TUBE AS WELL AS THE
OPTICAL FIBER MANUFACTURED THEREWITH

11/15/2004 MBEYENE2 00000072 10767103

01 FC:1453

1370.00 OP

Art Unit : 1762

Docket No. : 750034.427C3

Date : November 10, 2004

Mail Stop Issue Fee
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONAL DELAY
OF PRIORITY CLAIM UNDER 37 CFR 1.55

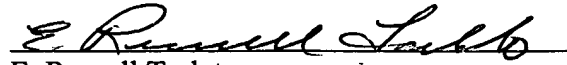
Commissioner for Patents:

The applicants hereby request that the priority claim of European Patent Application No. 97204152.9, filed on December 31, 1997, be accepted for this patent application. The entire delay between the date the claim was due and the date of filing of this petition was unintentional. Applicants are following the procedures current at the time of filing of the application, namely submitting a Supplemental Application Data Sheet (ADS) with the claim to priority. This should be sufficient to make the claim to priority according to patent office rules. A certified copy of the foreign priority document was submitted in parent application number 09/839,028 and receipt was acknowledged by Examiner Parviz Hassanzadeh in a Supplemental Notice of Allowance dated November 12, 2003. The Declaration filed with this application also contains the priority claim.

Enclosed is the required surcharge as indicated in 37 CFR 1.17(t).

Respectfully submitted,

SEED Intellectual Property Law Group PLLC



E. Russell Tarleton

Registration No. 31,800

ERT:jk

Enclosure:

Postcard

701 Fifth Avenue, Suite 6300
Seattle, Washington 98104-7092
Phone: (206) 622-4900
Fax: (206) 682-6031

C:\NrPortbl\iManage\JANICEK\530917_1.DOC